



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

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Dear School Administrator,

Each day as we work hard to deliver the top-quality education our students deserve, we are also entrusted with the safety and security of children in our. With this in mind, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has partnered with the Indiana Geological Survey, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and safety officials from seven other states to participate in the 2011 Great Central U.S. ShakeOut.

The 2011 ShakeOut is an earthquake drill that will involve more than one million people from Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. The drill will be the largest earthquake preparedness event in central U.S. history. The ShakeOut is centered around a simultaneous drop, cover, and hold drill to be held at **10:15 a.m. (EST) on April 19, 2011**.

The drill will offer a “teachable moment” and create a sense of urgency for people, organizations, and communities as they make preparedness plans and practice safety measures. We hope this drill will inspire stakeholders in your school community to come together and have further conversations—both at school and at home—about earthquake preparedness.

I encourage you to visit www.ShakeOut.org/centralus to pledge your school’s participation in this important safety drill. Registered participants will receive information on how to plan the drill, details regarding safety measures to be practiced during the drill, and how to create a dialogue with others about earthquake preparedness. If you have any questions regarding the ShakeOut, please contact David Woodward at IDOE at 317-232-6975.

Thank you for your consideration of this important event, as well as for your hard work on behalf of Indiana’s students!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Bennett
State Superintendent of Public Instruction